**Conociendo Costa Rica**

Costa Rica se extiende majestuosamente desde el océano Pacífico hasta el Mar Caribe y su distancia es tan solo 200 millas. Su porción de tierra ocupa solamente 20 mil millas cuadradas.

Si se hace un recorrido por las provincias de Costa Rica, es fácil darse cuenta de que en ningún otro lugar se pueden encontrar campos con tantas variaciones de paisaje y clima como aquí.

Costa Rica es uno de los destinos turísticos más preciados del planeta. Este pequeño pedazo de tierra reúne todos los componentes necesarios para satisfacer el gusto de miles de viajeros que la visitan cada año.

La división territorial de Costa Rica incluye 7 provincias a saber San José, Alajuela, Cartago, Heredia, Guanacaste, Puntarenas y Limón; que juntas ofrecen un atractivo destino turístico de posibilidades casi ilimitadas, y que incluyen extensos bosques lluviosos, volcanes, ríos que se pasean por las montañas, playas y muchos recursos naturales resguardados por una importante organización de parque nacionales y reservas forestales.

**Key Words** - Find these words in Spanish from the text.

1. is only 4. every year

2. no other place 5. piece of land

3. to satisfy 6. unlimited

**Supporting Details** - What information does this article give about Martinique? Check each detail that is mentioned in the article. Not all details are included. Copy the information in French that is given for each detail you have checked.

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|  | **Check if statement is part of article.** | **Statement** | **Copy the words or phrase that gives evidence for the statement.** |
|  |  | Costa Rica is located between an ocean and a sea. |  |
|  |  | A person who enjoys beaches would like Costa Rica. |  |
|  |  | Costa Rica has a wide variety in landscape and climate. |  |
|  |  | Costa Rica has many national parks. |  |
|  |  | Costa Rica is popular with tourists. |  |
|  |  | There are 7 major cities in Costa Rica. |  |
|  |  | Costa Rica has both a volcano and a rain forest. |  |
|  |  | Unfortunately, it rains often in Costa Rica. |  |

**Main idea.** Based on what you’ve read, who is most likely to read this article?

1. A person who wants information on the history of Costa Rica
2. A person who is looking for an general tour of Costa Rica
3. A person who is looking for general tourist information about Costa Rica

What in the article caused you to select your response? Answer in English.

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